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LOK SABHA

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PARAMETERS FOR SETTING UP BLOOD BANKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the parameters laid down for setting up of blood banks in the country;

(b) whether the existing blood banks conform to the laid down parameters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir.Under Schedule X B of the Drug & Cosmetics Act 1940 & Rules thereunder, parameters for collection, storage, processing and distribution of Whole Blood, Human Blood Components by Blood Banks and manufacture of Blood Products have been laid down.

As per the provisions, every Blood Bank has to obtain a License for its operation.The Drug Control Authorities carry out the inspection of Blood Banks before Licensing. Every Blood Bank applying for license has to fulfil these parameters.On being found adherent to these parameters, recommendation for licensing is given by inspecting authority.The State Drug Control Authorities are the licensing authority for Blood Banks under concurrence of Drugs Controller General (India) as Central License Approving Authority (CLAA).Licence is given for 5 years with renewal after every 5 years to ensure that parameters are adhered to.